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Mat-Zoo Wins Third Place

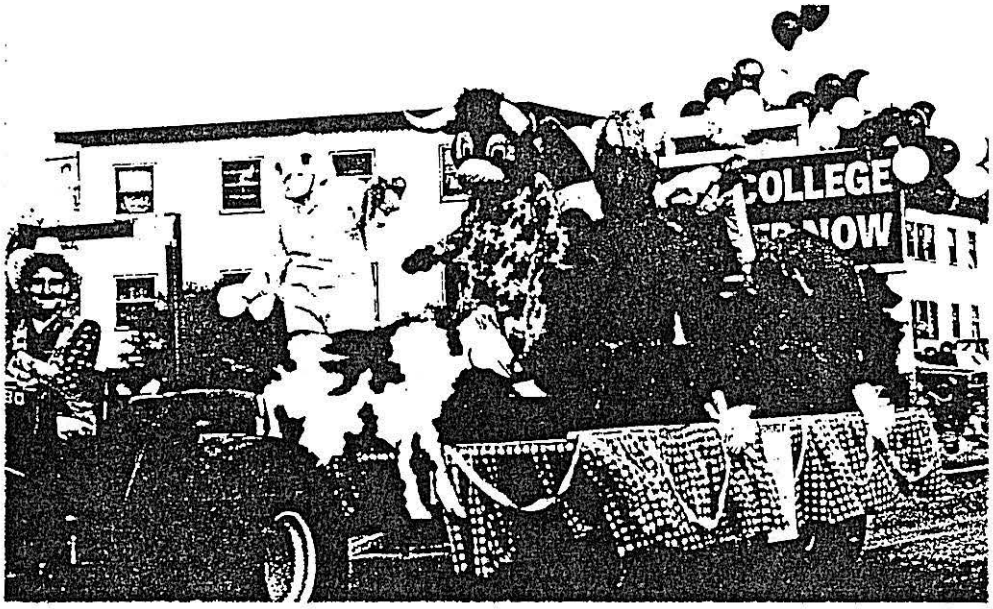

Photo by Kathleen Murphy

Farmer Dave hauls his milk and quackers, with a side of fries, through downtown Palmer.

The Mat-Su College Student Government float won third place last weekend in the Barnyard Bash category of the Alaska State Fair Parade. Barnyard Bash is the theme of this year's fair.

Farmer Dave, Polly Wolly, Robin Redbreast, Missy Sue, Karin Potata', Wade Moobert, Patricia Gobbler, Quack-Quack Wilson, San Diego Holley, Jerett Sugarplum, Jeremy JohnBoy JimBob, Shelia Crowster and Amy Cluck-Cluck participated in the parade.

The float was sponsored by Palmer Golf Course, Matanuska Maid, ABEES Party Store, DuPriest's Tiny Moose Farm, Jess and Carol Werner, Mat Valley Potato Growers, Pam's Personal Fitness, and Mt. McKinley Meat.

Final Candidates For Director of Mat-Su

The Director Search Committee anounces the names of the final four candidates for the position of Director of Mat-Su College.

Retiring director Glenn Massay has been with MSC since 1980. Glenn has spent 38 years in the teaching field, 21 of which have been with UAA.

The Search Committee submitted the names of final applicants to Chancellor Gorsuch after a careful elimination process.

The four candidates for this challenging position are John Dede of UAA, Toni Kahklen-Jones of MSC, Joseph Emmons of Kansas and Joseph Roberts of Tennessee.

Interviews will begin after Labor Day, tentatively on September 7th. Students are advised to look for posted notice of times and dates to speak with the candidates.

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Espresso? YES!

The new sub-contractors of the MSC Cafeteria will be offering espresso and pastries for those grumpy a.m. students (and anyone else). Angelique Lawton with Expressions and Mike Divis with Tsunami Coffee Company, will be working side by side to offer MSC students, staff, and faculty a new expanded menu to include breakfast cereals, cappuccinos, assorted sandwiches and soup, nachos, and the usual burgers and fries. They are open to menu suggestions and will tentatively be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

From the Editor...

Last week I witnessed an accident. A truck pulled out onto the Parks Highway from Fairiew Loop and was plowed into by a car. The elderly couple in the car, and the man in the truck, only suffered minor injuries, even though the truck was hit so hard it went up and over onto it's side. Before the car could stop, or the truck finished rocking, there were people pulled over, directing traffic, running to them, and checking to see if they needed help. Paramedics were on the scene within 10 minutes.

That same eveining the news was plastered with the story of a Detroit woman who was beaten and chased (or pushed) off a bridge to her death while onlookers watched, even cheered. I was horrified by the lack of compassion and respect for human life these people displayed.

I was also thankful that here in the valley people still care about one another. When I have needed a jump-start, I have only had to wait minutes before someone was there to help. As at the scene of the accident, people here are ready and willing to help, without question, without concern about whether or not to get involved. It is for this reason that the valley remains a "good place to be".

...Amy J. Menerey

Student Government News

The next student government meeting will be held Friday, September 1st, at 4:30 p.m. in JKB 108. At this time they will be forming new committees for the coming semester. Everyone interested in finding out about Student Government is invited to attend. Senators are needed. Come and meet our new President, Dave Huycke, and Vice President, Paula Holley.

From the Business Office:
An Add/Drop fee of $5.00 will be charged after September 5th. September 6th is the 100% refund deadline. September 18th is the 50% refund deadline. If you need to change classes, do it quick!

NOTICE!!!
NEW DROP BOX LOCATION

Due to the new mail room policy, the MSC Monitor will have a new drop box outside of our office for submissions, suggestions, applications, etc. The box will be labeled and checked weekly. Thank You!

Amy J. Menerey, Editor

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The Monitor welcomes guest columnists and letters to the editor. Submissions will be printed according to space available, and must include name & phone number for verification. These can be placed in the Monitor hall mailbox, dropped in the Student Govt./Monitor office or mailed to the MSC Monitor, P.O. Box 2889, Palmer, AK 99645. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity, grammar, spelling and libel.

Board of Regents at MSC

The Board of Regents met August 18th and 19th at MSC in the Machetanz Building.

Business conducted and issues discussed were: the review and revision of policy and regulations regarding academics and student affairs, faculty contract negotiations, personal safety of campus security, budget discussions, and Resolutions of Appreciation.

There were two such Resolutions of Appreciation, one for Scott Otterbacher, outgoing Student Regent, and the other for Merritt Helfferich, who retired from University of Alaska this year.

There was a public comment session on Friday at which both Paula Holley, Vice President of Student Government, and Shelia Keyser, former Vice President and current Assistant Editor spoke on issues pertaining to our students and campus.

The Regents were given a complete tour of the new Machetanz Building and shortly after voted in the official name of "Molly's Playhouse" for the new daycare.

In appreciation for their time in Palmer, Sharon Gagnon, Board of Regents President, wrote a letter to Glenn Massay. A copy of the letter with photos of the dinner at the Massay home can be seen on the hall bulletin by the Business Office.

Weir or Not to Weir: The Battle in Houston

by Kathleen Murphy

What is all the hubbub concerning the weir on the Little Su? Why exactly are the residents of Houston up in arms and demanding its removal? What is a weir and how did its use come about? These and many other questions have surfaced in the minds of some valley residents.

A weir is a fish counter. It needs to be manned to work. A weir does not automatically count fish. The way it works is something like this; A railroad rail is imbedded in the floor of the river. PVC conduit is attached to the rail and weighted down to the river bottom on one end. The other end of the PVC has a float attached to it. Many pieces of conduit are placed in a parallel fashion so they reach from the river bottom to the river surface. The whole thing stretches across the width of the river, sort of like a picket fence.

The fish cannot, of course, pass through the conduit. They must find the narrow opening that will allow them to pass the piping and to enter the trap. Early morning a technician opens the trap and, using a dip net, dips fish out for sampling. Fish are sampled mainly to keep track of stocking operations. Once sampling objectives are met for the day a technician sits and allows a trap to fill, counts the fish, then empties the trap. This process continues until it becomes too dark for the technician to see.

According to Doug McBride, the regional supervisor of sport fishing for South-Central Alaska, the weir on the Little Su is a "state of the art weir." It contains no harmful elements to either the living creatures in the river or the river itself. For a way of accurately counting fish and determining different species "it is the best the world has to offer," says McBride.

Sonar wouldn't be able to distinguish between the five species of salmon that use the river and the weir is much better that the old practice of using gill nets, states McBride.

An average of 17% of the coho passing through the weir are netted for escapement sampling according to Project Leader Larry Bartlet. Only coho are sampled in this fashion because they are the only species stocked in the Little Su.

McBride says that this sampling doesn't damage the fish at all. Once salmon enter the river to begin their spawning ritual, they acclimate to fresh water and become much tougher fish to protect them on their journey upstream. "We use a soft web net and a smooth platform. We take every precaution to assure that we are not subjecting the fish to undue mortality," said McBride.

According to Craig Whitmore, an area biologist with Fish and Game, there are 20 or 30 weirs around the state and nowhere has there been reports of the kind of problems as in Houston. However, there is also not a community located above the weir as in this instance.

The people of Houston are complaining that the weir is not letting fish pass through and the few fish that are getting through have used up much of their stream-life bumping into the weir and are no good for consumption.

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> Regional Supervisor

The weir was installed in 1986 mainly because the Little Su is such a large area for sport fishing. A more accurate count is needed to assure continued fishing than can be accomplished by aerial surveys. "The Little Su is unique because of the large amount of road access to the river. It is open seven days a week for fishing and there is more than 70 miles of fishing available," said Whitmore at a recent meeting in Houston.

Fish and Game officials say that they are passing fish through the weir. McBride told Houston residents that "in the last several years we are passing on the order of 30,000 cohos through the weir." McBride also said that in 1994, 28,948 coho salmon passed through the weir and of those 4,162 were hatchery fish.

In an interview, McBride said that this year about 2,500 kings passed through the weir. Of those 2,500 about 1,700 were again counted in an aerial survey. "All but about 100 of them spawn above the Parks Hwy.," stated McBride. If all these fish are passing through the weir why aren't the people in Houston seeing them? There is a great discrepancy between the counts made by Fish and Game and the number of fish that Houston is seeing. Are the fish actually being held up by the weir and as a result spawning before they reach Houston? Is Fish and Game being truthful? Are Houston residents being truthful? If either is lying what would be the purpose?

Houston resident Ruth Blanchard seems to think that Fish and Game is lying to Houston. Ruth believes that the idea for the weir originated with the native custom of blocking the river using trees and such for subsistence purposes. Ruth says that native Alaskan tribes would dam up the river just long enough to get their fish and remove the dam when they reached their quota. She suspects that Fish and Game is using this same method to enhance fishing at Burma Landing.

Houston resident Carmelina DiHart told Fish and Game members, "I was working in Valdez during the oil spill and they have the same kind of weir you have here in front of the hydro plant to keep the fish from going into the hydro plant". Why would Fish and Game want to enhance fishing at Burma Landing?

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> Mayor of Houston

The Department of Fish and Game *does* own the land at Burma Landing and receive the money collected from fees at the facility. During the current fiscal year which ended on June 30th, Fish and Game collected approximately $51,000 from The Little Su Public Use Facility in

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Randy Harris presents Wesley Whitstine and family with a first place trophy.

JUNIOR DRAGSTERS HEAT IT UP

Racing isn't just for grown-ups anymore. The new class of racers at Alaska Raceway in Palmer are still chewing bubble gum and doing their chores. They are part of the NHRA's Junior Drag Racing League.

This group of youngsters are between the ages of 8 and 14, and are driving smaller versions of dragsters. The cars are powered by a Briggs & Stratton 5 hp engine, and most go from 35 to 65 mph on the quarter mile.

There are currently five of these junior racers burning up the track in the Butte.

Corey Wardrope, 8, drives the "Little Shaker" and currently holds the track record at 63 mph in 18.39 seconds. His owns the only junior dragster currently running on alcohol.

Brittany Decker's car, "Boy Crazy", was a gift from her father, A.J. Decker. A.J. told the Monitor that when he bought her the car his friends and family thought he was crazy; that he was trying to get her killed. He stated, "if I thought she would get a scratch, even a broken nail by this, I wouldn't let her do it". Brittany said that she really likes her car but none of her friends believed her, so her Dad brought it into school for Show 'n Tell. She also said she wants to go faster.

The other three junior dragsters at the track are owned by the Whitstine family. Tom and Helena Whitstine of Palmer have grown kids who race full size drag cars. They also have five adopted children for whom they bought the junior dragsters. According to Helena, the three who do their chores and have the best behavior for the week get to drive on the weekend. What an incentive!

All of these kids said that they not only race the cars, they help work on them, too. They are all aware of safety precautions and wear the necessary gear.

This new aspect of drag racing truly makes it "a family affair".

Drag Racing State Shootout Winners:
E.T. Super Street - Randy Moffitt
Pro Sportsman - A.J. Switchenburg
High School - Kristy Hall
Junior Dragster - Wesley Whitstine
Top Eliminator- Rich Kirk
Top Sportsman - John Postishek

DIRT RACING ACTION

The **Alaska State Shootout** wrapped up with its final two days of racing August 5th and 6th at Twin City Raceway in Kenai. The Shootout, consisting of two race days at each of the three tracks (Willow, Fairbanks and Kenai), is held each year to determine the top racers in the state for each of the six classes.

Local favorites, who will continue to race for season points at Capitol Speedway in Willow, finished well in the State Shootout.

In the Micro Sprint Division Squeeks O'Connor, known as the "terrror of the Trophy Girls," placed third in the state even though he rolled his car in Fairbanks, shook the dirt off, and continued racing without his wings.

Richie Christensen, 17, who is rising fast among the ranks, is a favorite among the young crowd. He placed an impressive second in the Hobby Stock Division, behind Willow drive Moe Frost of the Blue Mule Racing Team.

In the Stock Division, Rick Garrells, with his '79 Monte Carlo combined with a positive attitude and "boy next door" looks is a package that's hard to beat. He took first in State and is currently holding 1st place at Capitol.

Sportsman driver Mike Hanson of Fairbanks won first place, however, two local drivers took the second and third positions. Second place finisher Mark Sant, a big, strong silent type, is a powerhouse in his #79 Z-28 Camaro. Fellow driver Steve Hust finished third with his #26 Lumina. Hust is a well known character at the races, telling stories and jokes around campfires and between races for the last sixteen years.

Burly Bill Mains took first in the Mini Stock Division, driving an '82 Toyota Celica. This is Mains first complete year of driving at Willow, last year he started mid-season and placed 9th in state, 2nd at Capitol. Mains will be moving into the Sprint Division next year.

Among those missing from this year's races are Tom "Sparky" Sparks, who needed some time to spend with his family, and Bruce Stinson. Stinson is last year's State Champion in the Stock Division, however, he is taking his time to build a new car for next year, which, word has it, will be a force to be reckoned with.

Races continue through September 9th at Capitol Speedway. Go up and see your favorite driver play in the dirt!

FOR THE LOVE OF ART

by Amy Menerey

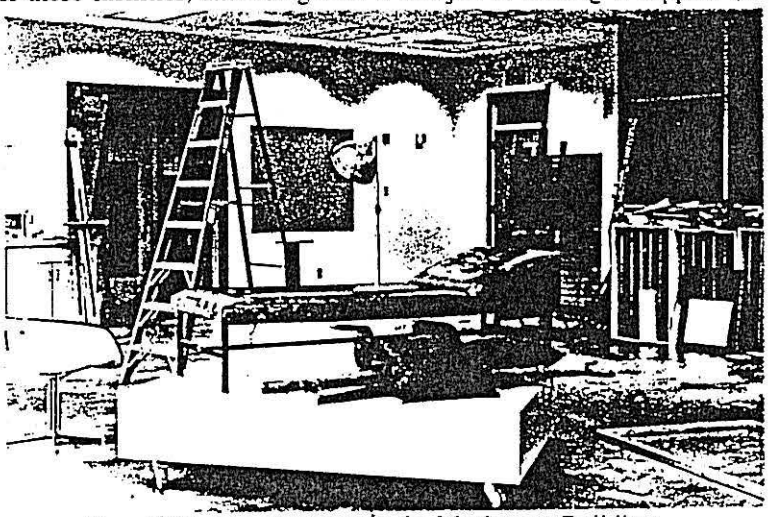
New students will have the benefit of enjoying our new art rooms without ever having known the cramped, complicated torture endured by past art students. Yes, the new art rooms, in the Machetanz Building are open for use this semester! I was given a complete tour by Assistant Professor of Painting, Richard Benson, and, having taken classes in the old art room, was thrilled by what I saw.

The old art room consisted of one large room jam packed with shelves, supplies, easels, vices, props, and weaving looms. Anyone taking a painting class had to be cautious not to "slop" any paint on any of the surrounding projects. All work had to be set up and then put away again at the end of class. The lighting, save for the one window, was lousy. But, thank goodness, those days are over.

The new art rooms (note rooms) are spacious, well-lit and designed for a particular purpose. The drawing and painting room has a movable platform for models, with track lighting in the ceiling. There is a spray booth for applying fixatives without contaminating other projects (or asphyxiating fellow students). It has large picturesque windows on two walls for added light and a bonus background. The fiber art room is spacious enough to hold weaving looms and various supplies with ease. There is an adjoining kitchen area from the drawing/painting room to the fiber room for cleanup and mixing of media. Across the hall is the metals room, complete with oven, sink, and plenty of working space.

Since the new rooms are located on the second floor, there are padded elevators for ease in carrying supplies and equipment up. The padding along the walls protects items from any possible damage, according to Benson, however, after riding in one I felt more like a lunatic in a padded cell.

These new facilities will enable MSC's art students to further express their talents in rooms which are conducive to their work. Bravo! Mat-Su College for recognizing the terrific work that comes out of our art department, realizing the need for these facilities, and doing such a fine job of making it happen! (It's about time.)



One of the new art rooms in the Machetanz Building.

ART-ABOUT

Vagabond Blues:
Watercolor show by Suzanne Bach, Birch Bowls by Buzz
Jazz - Fri Nights 12:00-1:30pm
Music - Fri & Sat 8:00-11:00pm

UAA Campus Center:
"Coded Diction," paintings and collages by Kamarin Kenley thru September 14th.

Stonington Gallery
21st Annual Alaska Statewide Juried Water Color Exhibition
Featuring winning art by Christine Fortner, Debi Morrow, James Evanson, Louella Sutherland, Daniel Kennedy, Dee Boyles, Reveille Kennedy, Jean Shadrach, Betty Atkinson, Tom Missal and former MSC student Kim Donofrio. On display through September 15th.

Dorothy G. Page Museum
Five Mat-Su Artists
Works by Pat Candler, Brigitte Sekirka, Victoria Cole, Dennis McKenzie and Lynn Stamand featured until September 1st.

UAA Arts Building Gallery
Exhibit by the UAA Art Faculty Sept. 5th thru September 21st.

CHILHULY EXHIBIT OFFERS SPECTACULAR COLOR AND LIGHT

by Shelia Keyser

This show was simply magnificent! I appreciate how Chihuly used various techniques to display his works, not just a piece of glass on a stand. Every item was displayed with the item in mind. The different types of glass are such a wonderful variety, so pleasing to the eye. I only wished that I could touch the works to feel their texture. I especially loved the forest exhibit with the colors different on each side; and I truly loved the Auorora Borealis display. It shows his appreciation for and respect of our Alaskan skies. The exhibit is followed by a film which shows the unique talent of this artist. This is a show not to be missed!

The Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit is now showing at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

TIDBITS

*There are local newspapers for student use in the Cafeteria, provided to you by your Student Government.

*There is a student mail board in the hallway outside the IBM lab.

*There is a coin operated copy machine for student use located in the library.

*Lockers are available at the end of the Kerttula and Okeson buildings, just bring your own lock.

*Student Government News is posted on the bulletin boards outside the cafeteria, and on the electronic marquee outside the office.

*MSC Monitor news is posted outside the Student Gov't./Monitor office.

*Vending machines are located in the Kerttula Building and Snodgrass Hall.

*There is a scanner available in the VAX lab.

At The Movies

by Joan Tower

Big Brother strikes again in The Net. Sandra Bullock is her usual charming self in this fast paced and thought provoking movie. It would spoil the movie to review the plot line. I give it a Siskel and Ebert "two thumbs up". See it!

Dear Julie,

I am so frustrated with teachers at Mat-Su who write ambiguous remarks on my papers. How can I improve myself if I don't know what my instructor wants from me?

Dancing Feather x

Dear Dancing Feather x,

Try talking to your instructors and explain how you feel. Most instructors will be pleased to know a student who wants to improve.

Julie

To Write to "Dear Julie", drop your letter off at the Student Government/Monitor office, or leave in the Monitor mailbox in the hall by the registration desk. "Julie" is a Human Services Major studying paraprofessional counseling.

Classifieds

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Hitch...$20.00
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WANTED:
in October,
small to mid-size car
Chevy preferred
Good gas mileage
decent condition
Will pay up to $1500.00
Amy 376-7752

CS 101
Introduction to Computers
(Peter Norton)
Call Keri Bowles 376-5178

Cartoonists!

The MSC Monitor is still looking for talented humor to grace our pages. Please leave an example of your work in the mailbox, or at the office!

Positions Open
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Copy Editor: Proofread all copy for errors in spelling, grammar, and research. Assist editor and assistant editor with final production of paper.

Art Reporter: Report on all art related activities at Mat-Su and UAA, as well as upcoming related outside events; reviews and criticism, cover art club meetings. Must be involved in the arts, any medium, with knowledge of basic principles of method and design.

Student Government Reporter: Report on all aspects of student government: meetings, committees, etc. Must attend meetings regularly, cannot hold a position.

Guest Columnists: Anyone wishing to report on any of the above subjects, or any other subject of interest, may do so as a guest columnist.

Submit applications or articles to Student Gov't/Monitor office, leave in our box, or write via VAX, PSAJM.

The Attribution Theory

by Dancing Feather x

"What do you think you're doing?" Lynn asked me.

I froze from where I had been sneaking around him while he wasn't paying attention. I shook my head, "I'm not going to do it." I said.

"Why?" he asked, hands on hips.

"I've only done it once." I informed him, "and I got hurt. Alex said 'you just run, jump, tuck, and you're over.' I did it, and almost knocked myself out when my knee hit my head."

"So that's it?" Lynn said. "You try it once, then you quit?"

I didn't like being called a quitter. I was thinking of myself as being smart. I didn't want to break my neck! "If you'll explain it to me, I'll try it." I finally said, reluctantly.

Of course, just as I expected, I landed flat on my face. But Lynn told me I'd never get it if I didn't do it, and "can't" is not a word in Lynn's vocabulary. The second time, I not only fell flat on my face, but knocked Lynn over as well. Later, I began to think of the theory of attribution.

The theory of attribution says that we believe other's actions are internally motivated, and our own actions are reactions, externally caused.

Simply, if he gets mad and yells at me, it's because he's a bad person inside. He is angry and hateful in his heart, and he has malevolently planned this humiliation of me. However, when I get ticked and shout back a him, it's not because I'm a bad person inside, it's because he's upset me and has hurt me.

How many relationships are caught in this cycle of one-sided views? Each party is looking at the other through tinted glasses. Each perceives his or her opponent as being internally motivated, and him or herself as being externally affected.

Whether or not each party is motivated by internal motives, or external stress, is not the point. What we need to realize is the point of view our friend or spouse is coming from when things get too hot. We need to stop a moment and consider "Is she really a hateful person inside, just waiting to tear into me, or does she really believe I have gotten her dress dirty on purpose?"

Relationships are tough. But when we try once, and get trampled, it's not time to quit. If I want to get a front tuck down, I'm going to have to try and try and try again. And not half-heartedly.

How often do we enter new relationships with all our guards up? In order to get a front tuck, I must run with all my might, jump with all my strength, and at the last moment, buckle my knees If I run too slow, jump too low, and tuck too late, KERSPLAT! Flat on the mat!

In order to get our relationships running smoothly, we must give all our trust, give every ounce of energy, and not be the last to say "I'm sorry." If we don't tell the whole truth, hold back a little of our resources, and stay too proud to admit our wrong in an argument, our relationships are bound to fall flat.

Every single time I try a front tuck, I must give it all I've got--if I plan to ever get the flip down. If I hold back one little ounce I will always fall short. There is no room in a relationship we want to hold back. Yeah, we'll get bruised, sure, we might look utterly ridiculous with our faces smashed into the mat, but the goal is worth it, and if we're willing to give what it takes, we can fly!

Let's start out this next semester with the purpose in our hearts to count to one hundred before we cut into our loved ones. Let's determine in our minds to take an instant and view the other's point of reference. Are they acting or reacting? If he is acting, does he believe he is ? And what about me? Does my reaction come across as an action? Let's begin to act our ages and use the ability of our minds to conquer tough situations, and not hurtful words and cruel treatment.

MSC Student Receives Scholarships

by Amy Menerey

Shirley Schonenbach, a Mat-Su College student of two years, has recently been awarded two noteworthy scholarships. Shirley's major is in accounting and she plans to have her BA in 1998. She has one more semester here at MSC, after which she will attend UAA for completion of required courses.

Shirley came from Wyoming to Alaska in 1976 and moved to the valley in 1983. She has worked in various management, secretarial, and accounting positions, however, after spending nine years working on the slope Shirley decided to upgrade her skills to acquire a better paying job closer to home.

The Matanuska Valley Association of Professional Mortgage Women has awarded Shirley with a $1000 scholarship grant which she is using for this semester's tuition. She has also been awarded an Avon Products Foundation Scholarship for Women in Business Studies through the Business and Professional Women's Foundation. Shirley will be using this grant to cover next semester's tuition. Her BPW award letter states: "You have the honor of being chosen from a large pool of highly qualified applicants. Therefore, you should be very confident in your ability to accomplish your goals."

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which Burma Landing is located. However, according to Whitmore the cost of operating the facility which is run by the Alaska State Parks under contract to Fish and Game, was $98,000. "We gave them the balance between those two figures," said Whitmore.

The cost of operating the weir is about $40,000/year out of which comes the worker's wages and benefits.

Burma Landing is located 29 river miles from the mouth of the ocean. The weir is located 32 river miles from the mouth of the ocean. Houston resident Bill Capers insists that the weir is impeding the flow of fish. Capers says that when the salmon are running there is a seven to fourteen day window to catch them but at Burma Landing there is more than a 30 day window.

A sign at Burma Landing on August 6th said "3,200 silvers through the weir so far this year, 1/2 of last year." The Parks and Recreation attendant collecting fees at the facility told this reporter that the silvers have been in for about two and a half weeks and he expects they will remain strong for about another week and a half. That adds up to about a month of good silver fishing.

Houston's mayor Freelon Stanberry says that the Fish and Game is not telling the whole story. Stanberry says that sometime in 1986 Fish and Game placed a big sign in Houston saying that a weir was going in the river. Nobody knew what a weir was at that time.

According to Stanberry, prior to the weir Fish and Game was stocking red salmon in Nancy Lake. About the same time that the weir went in they stopped stocking reds and started stocking silvers in the lake. Within a year or so a road went in and a new park was built at Burma Road and "it just so happens that Fish and Game own the Burma Road area," said Stanberry.

"Reds couldn't be caught until they got to where they turn off into Nancy Lake seven miles from Houston, because they just don't bite. Silver salmon can be caught down river in the Burma Landing area. Now they have a dam in the river so they can hold the fish in their park area," said Stanberry.

"One of my favorite sayings is there is no such thing as a silver salmon in the Houston area. There is a red-silver salmon, however, because by the time it gets here it's turned red," stated Stanberry.

Stanberry began writing letters to Fish and Game in 1989 and 1990. He received reply letters stating that the weir was the best way to get necessary sampling and counts. Stanberry continued writing the letters, at least one a year until the recent public attention.

Why did Fish and Game put the weir at river mile 32? Was it really for their own advantage? Fish and Game Regional Supervisor Doug McBride said that he looked at 30 different sites for the weir of which he selected two. Now retired Area Biologist Larry Engels selected between the two.

In 1985 Fish and Game tried putting a weir at river mile 17, just above Moose Hunters Point. It was found that the tide influences the river up to about mile 20 and the project was abandoned. But it was also a "conventional weir", said McBride, which is made with rebar and doesn't float like the weir on the Little Su does.

Is the weir actually affecting the fishing in Houston? It seems the only way to find out is by its removal. Houston citizens realize that after the weir is removed it will take some time to see if the fish return. Mayor Stanberry said that he heard Fish and Game has been in the area searching for a different spot for the weir.

McBride says that Fish and Game *have* been looking in the area for another possible spot for the weir. He says that they are also exploring alternative methods for counting fish and the future of the stocking program in the Little Su. The Department of Fish and Game hope to get back to Mayor Stanberry and Houston residents by early September with some conclusions, stated McBride. He also said there is no guarantee that the weir will be removed.

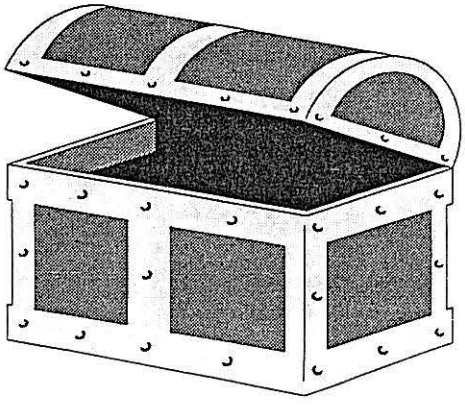
Welcome to R&H, Dan!

The staff of the MSC Monitor would like to welcome Dan Mielke to the faculty of Mat-Su College. Dan is a new instructor in the Refrigeration and Heating (R&H) Department.

Dan is a valley resident who was born in Palmer and graduated from MSC's R&H program in 1978. He has worked for several years in the industry, spending the last ten years with BP where he was manager of their Heating, Refrigeration and Ventilation Department. Dan's goals are to ensure that new graduates from the R&H program will be well qualified in their trade and know the market.

We look forward to seeing you in the halls, Dan!

Treasures abound when you open your life to opportunity.



Noonsingers

is looking for walk on's, no credit personnel, ANYONE to complete their roster and assure continuation of their class.

A desire to sing and a commitment to stay till end of semester necessary. Show up and be counted!

"Good Things Come to those who wait; and wait, and wait."

-Barb Carney
Financial Aid

Nature trail an easy get-a-way

Mat-Su College is located on 950 acres of beautiful scenery. Much of this scenery can be enjoyed by exploring the Mat-Su College Nature Trail. This trail extends over a 60 acre tract with four possible combinations to ensure easy return to the campus in case of fatigue. The trails are open to students and non-students alike for hiking or strolling. Brochures with complete maps can be found outside the main entrance and at other locations around campus.

Watercross Snowmachine Races Make a Splash

Race a snowmachine on the water. Sounds crazy, but several daredevils have been doing this every weekend throughout the summer on Big Lake.

Watercross snowmachine racing is not much different than driving on snow. The problem is, you can't stop. If you do, your machine ends up at the bottom of the lake. When this happens, a buoy is attached to the machine and a floating dock with a winch on it is used to pull the machine out. Once brought back to dry dock, you simply turn it over, flush the engine, and do it again.

The Klondike Inn sponsored this season's Watercross Snowmachine racing which officially ended August 27th with an awards ceremony in the lounge.

Trophies were awarded for the following:

0-600 Class
1st - Art Godin
2nd - Eric Bruegeeman
3rd - Don Cossairt

601-Open Class
1st - Mike Eder
2nd - Jack Jaunbral
3rd - Stewart Sterling

Ovals Class
1st - Mike Eder
2nd - Stewart Sterling
3rd - Eric Brueggeman

Entry fees this year were $25.00 per race, allowing monies to be given to each participant at the end of the season.

Although the snowmachine races are over for this year, the action continues in Big Lake. There will be drag boat races September 3rd & 4th at 1:00, with a huge fireworks display on the lake, sponsored by Gorilla Fireworks, on Sunday night.

THE CAMPUS WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY. THERE ARE NO CLASSES ON TUESDAY, HOWEVER, THE CAMPUS WILL BE OPEN

Volunteers Needed:

The Valley Women's Resource Center in Palmer is seeking volunteers to work the Second Annual Halloween Carnival. For more information contact Arvella @ 746-4080.

RAFFLE

The Valley Merchant Softball Team is selling raffle tickets to earn travel money for the National Playoffs in Portland, Oregon. Prizes to be given away are a new **1995 Polaris Magnum 4X4, two Sanyo 13" Color TV's, two Sanyo VCR's, and three $100.00 Cash Prizes.** Team members will be selling tickets outside of Walmart and at the State Fair. The drawing will be held at 7:00 p.m., September 9th, 1995 at the Mug-Shot. They may still have tickets available the day of the drawing. Need not be present to win. Contact James at 373-6348 for further questions.

Student Issues Discussed at Meetings

by Wade Roberts

The Leadership Conference held August 9th thru 11th was a treasure trove of valuable information. President Dave Huycke, Vice President Paula Holley and Legislative Affairs Representative Wade roberts attended the three day conference.

At this Friday's 4:30 Student Government meeting a brief overview of the different workshops these students attended will be discussed. Please come and hear the new, the different, and the exciting information Dave, Paula, and Wade were able to tap into.

Also, these three student government representatives attended the NET meeting August 12th. The NET is a coalition of student leaders from the University of Alaska campuses whose meetings are open to students.

The guest speaker was Representative Con Bundy. The meeting started at 10:00 a.m. and extended into the afternoon, concluding at 2:30 p.m. Many important student issues were discussed. If anyone is interested in reading the NET minutes please contact the Student Government Office.

This Space For Rent Your Article Here

Sammie

by Dancing Feather x

Sam's the kindest person I know;
His kiss the gentlest.
His smile's the promise of a rainbow,
His hug's the wonderfullest.

When Sammie holds me tight
And whispers in my ear,
I know that things are right
And I've nothing else to fear.

Sammie's so giving,
He makes saints seem selfish.
Sam enjoys living,
Sam is only six.

Sam's the sweetest friend I have,
Sammie is my brother.
If the only one I could have,
I'd pick Sam, no other.

CH-CH-CHANGES

September brings us the change of the season, the starting of the semester, and here at Mat-Su College it also brings changes in our surroundings. Administration and Records (A&R) has been moved to their new location in the Machetanz Building. Counselors Toni Kahklen-Jones and Al Okeson, along with financial aid wizard Barb Carney have also moved. They are now located in offices behind A&R, complete with receptionist.

The new arrangement is more professional, however, it lacks the personal touch that was possible when the students could walk past their offices and just say 'hello' if they weren't busy. Barb says she loves her new office, but she'll miss the students dropping by. Al Okeson said if the students can't come to him, he'll go to them; he'll walk the halls regularly to keep in touch with the students, as always.

Mat-Su Lament

by Ron Roberson

A new semester has begun,
So let's kick back and have some fun.
Enjoy the days while we still have sun,
Before you know it we'll all be done.

So crack the books and study long,
Some tests are tough, don't answer them wrong.
But instructors and classmates all get along,
Try "Noon Singers" and be lifted by song.

So relax and get in the mood for classes this fall,
It won't be long 'til you're having a ball.
don't ponder and fidget 'til you're climbing a wall,
We're all here together, and we can have it all.

SURVEY RESULTS

by Amy Menerey, Editor

In the spring I took a survey to find out just what the students wanted in their newspaper, the MSC Monitor. Of the eighteen categories listed, Campus Info scored the highest, followed by current events, and classifieds. I will strive to do my best to provide my readers with those items that scored the highest (25 & up). I am always open to suggestions, and anyone with ideas or willing to fill in some of these areas, please let me know!

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Other written suggestions:
-Stories written by students, submitted by faculty
-no gender bias please
-tips for students continuing on to UAA
-horoscope
-historical, i.e. "this day in history..."
-get to know the students, pict. & bio.
-crime on campus
-investigative reports
-student coupons
-more on classes - info
-music news (other than chorus, etc.)
-maybe put the paper in classrooms
-world/international information
-other college's news
-music, art
-more often
-guest columnists
-outstanding achievement acknowledgments
-student editorials
-helpful hints
-student opinions
-fishing/hunting/outdoors
-regular special interest stories

EXTRA, EXTRA

COMPUTER INPUT

Computer lab stickers will be available at the Business Office after the 100% refund Deadline, September 6th. All students using any of the computer labs - IBM, Mac, or VAX - will be required to have an ID card with lab sticker displayed while using the computers.

Check for Classroom Changes!!!

When coming into class for the first time, please check the addendum and the signs posted for possible room changes. With the opening of the Machetanz Building some of the classes have been juggled to rooms other than those printed in the schedule. Please note the Machetanz Building is listed as the FSM, or the MB.

ADDED CLASSES

New classes not listed in the schedule:
Mac classes:
CIOS 115F - Intro to Microsoft Word
CIOS 111B - Intro to Excel in Windows

ART 372 - Intermediate Fiber Structures

ENROLL NOW!

Student Jobs

Please note that there are job openings here at Mat-Su College for interested students. Position notices are posted outside of the Business Office, and applications may be obtained at the Business Office.

Bookstore Hours

For the first two weeks of classes:
M-F 9:00am - 7:30pm
Sat 9:00am - 3:00pm

Following the first two weeks, for the rest of the semester:
M-F 9:00am - 1:00pm
M-Th 3:30pm - 7:30pm

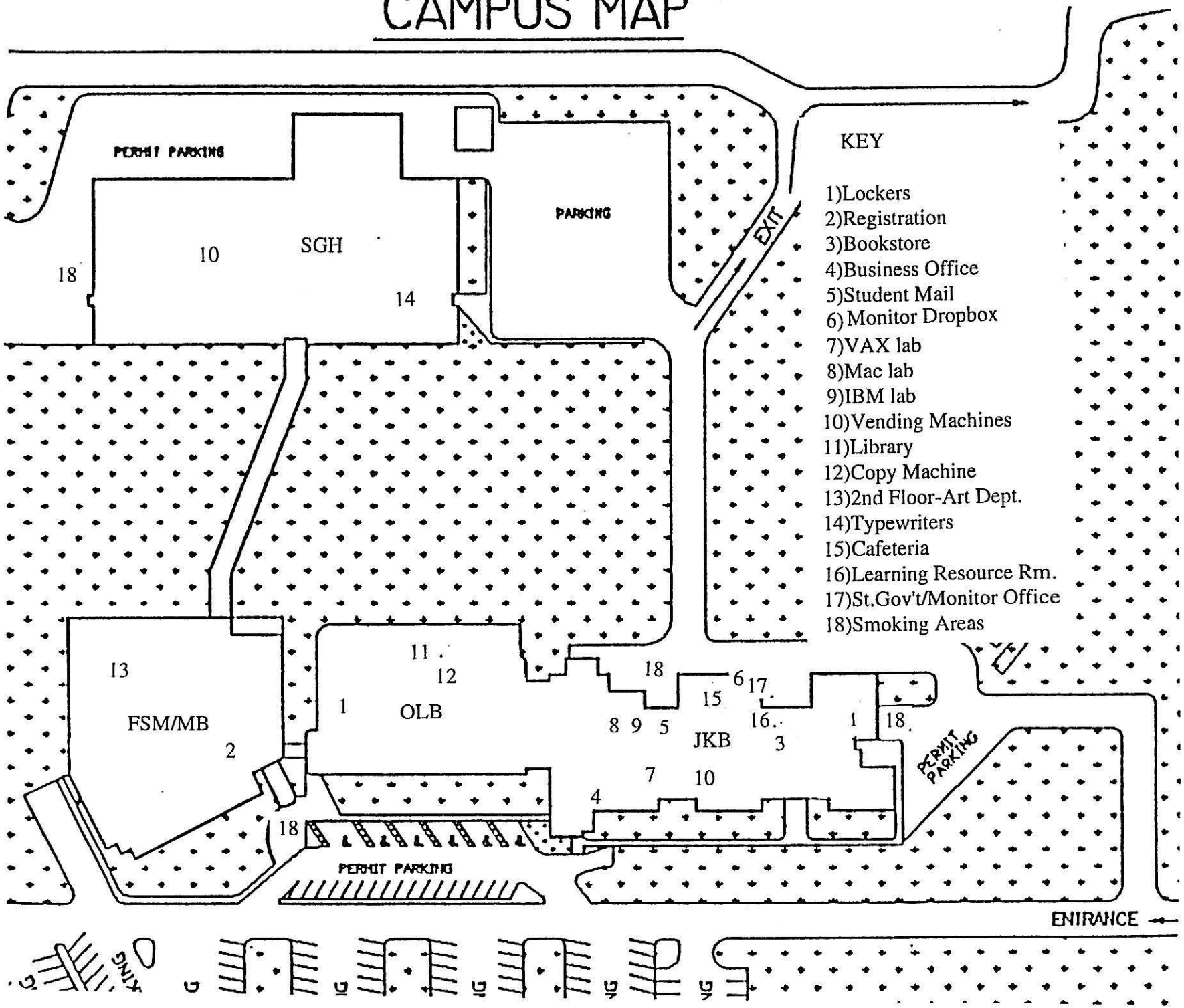
Fall Library Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30am - 10:00 pm
Fridays 8:30am - 7:00 pm
Saturdays 9:00am - 3:00pm
*Continuing students need to update their cards. There is no charge for a library card. The Okeson library is a public library. Interlibrary loans are free to students.

Computer Lab Hours

Mon - Friday 9:00am - 10:00pm
Saturdays 9:00am - 5:00pm
Note: Be sure to have your student I.D. with updated computer lab sticker with you!

CAMPUS MAP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8)Mac lab
9)IBM lab
10)Vending Machines
11)Library
12)Copy Machine
13)2nd Floor-Art Dept.
14)Typewriters
15)Cafeteria
16)Learning Resource Rm.
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